HESSARGHATTA WATER-SUPPLY DIVISION.

Notice is hereby given that sealed tenders will be received at the Executive Engineer's office, Hessarghatta Water-supply Division, up to 2 P. M. of the 25th January 1899, for supplying 1,000 tons of casuarina fuel at the Pumping Station at Soldevanhalli near Chikbanavar, Nelamangala taluk, as per specification noted in para 8.

2. Tenders should be submitted on printed forms which may be obtained from the Executive Engineer.

3. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of rupees five hundred in cash or in Government Promissory Notes, as earnest money, and be superscribed "Tenders for supplying casuarina fuel to the Pumping Station at Soldevanhalli," in default of which tenders will be rejected.

4. The final acceptance of any tender will rest with Chief Engineer, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender or to assign any reason whatever for the rejection of any tender.

5. Within eight days of the acceptance of the tender, the successful competitor will be required to execute the usual contract bond, in default of which his tender will be considered cancelled, and his earnest money will be forfeited.

6. The name of the successful competitor, whose tender has been accepted, will be posted on the notice board in the Executive Engineer's office in due course. No enquiries regarding the acceptance or rejection of a tender will receive any reply.

7. On acceptance of one of the tenders the earnest money on rejected tenders will be returned.

SPECIFICATION.

8. The wood to be solely casuarina and to be in straight lengths.

The maximum and minimum dimensions which will be accepted are given below :—

	LENGTH.		THICKNESS.	
	Maximum.	*Minimum.*	*Maximum.*	*Minimum.*
Running wood ..	24″	18″	8″	3″
Lighting wood ..	24″	12″	3″	1½″

One per cent of the quantity supplied may be of the dimensions specified for lighting wood, the remainder being of the dimensions specified for running wood. The billets are to be sawn to lengths, not chopped.

The wood to be stacked by the contractor in the portions approved by the Executive Engineer, or his representatives. Lighting and running wood to be stacked separately.

Stacks must be of rectangular shape. The sides being vertical and straight, and the tops level: the wood must be laid evenly straight and close, the pieces composing the walls must be laid at right angle to the direction of such walls having first been sawn to an uniform length as above; the interior of the stacks must be packed as closely as possible, the pieces being regularly laid with their lengths all in the one direction which leave no vacant space.

The stacks to be built of such dimensions that the cubical measurements of each is a multiple of 68 cubic feet.

17 feet by 8 feet by 5 feet=680 cubic feet=10 tons.
17 feet by 16 feet by 5 feet=1,360 cubic feet=20 tons.
34 feet by 20 feet by 5 feet=3,400 cubic feet=50 tons.

sixty-eight feet of closely stacked wood will be accepted as equivalent to one ton.

The Executive Engineer or his representatives will inspect the wood as it is being stacked, and shall have power to reject any pieces that are hollow, rotten, crooked or otherwise unsuitable for fuel for engines; he will also satisfy himself that the pieces are in accordance with the dimensions specified above, and that the stacks are built as required; he shall also have power to reject any stacks which do not, in all respects, comply with the terms of this specification.

The wood must be, at the risk of the contractor until it is stacked, approved, measured and accepted by the Executive Engineer or his representatives.

When stacks are taken over, the contractor or his representative must be present during the measurement and must sign the record of measurement made by the Executive Engineer or his representatives, in token of his agreement to the corrections thereof.

The quantity required is 1,000 tons, of which 200 tons should be delivered by 30th April 1899, and the remainder at the rate of 120 tons per month from 1st May 1899.

Payments will be made monthly for all wood taken over by the Engineer in charge; a reserve of 5 per cent being however withheld on all bills as a guarantee for the fulfilment of the contract.

Should the contractor fail to deliver the wood as above stated, he will be liable to a fine of Rs. 2 per ton, for each ton his delivery may be short of the above mentioned quantity, or to cancelment of his contract or both, with loss of security deposit and of full amount of reserve withheld as guarantee fund.

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